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Troy,

This is an interesting thread. Thanks. I am always amazed at how fast (and elegant) professional tyers are. I spent some time watching Bill Skilton at a show a couple of years ago and noticed two things: An economy of hand motion and the scissors never left his hand. I also noticed that he never dropped anything, a problem that visits me often.

I just poke along because to do otherwise would make what's fun a chore (as has already been noted). And, yes, I do most of my tying through the winter months. Like many, I tie one pattern at a time (usually). I'll first prep anything that needs it (quill bodies, etc) and then arrange materials in the order of tie-in.

I was interested in Festus' comment about the first 6 or so flies going into his box and then once he got the range the rest were for customers. Somehow it seemed a good reminder about why I tie flies. They all go into my box or to friends if they ask. I don't tie much that you'd consider fancy, but I do play with standard patterns on a hunch and am somethime pleasantly surprised that I was right. All in all, one of the great things about this sport is that you can get in as deeply as you want and at your own pace. You also get to meet up with lots of nice people, most of whom are happy to be helpful.

Coughlin